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DIRECTOR

November 13, 2007

TO: Rebecca A. Humphries, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Wildlife Land Acquisition
Middleville State Game Area – Barry County
The Philip Herich Tract
Land Transaction Case #20060298

Purchase Price: 16.67 acres - \$120,000.00

Description: Barry County, Irving Township, T04N, R09W, Section 20: That part of the Northeast ¼ of Section 20 described as commencing at the North ¼ corner of said Section, thence South 89° 57' 31" East 300.00 feet along the North line of said Northeast ¼ to the point of beginning; thence South 89° 57' 31" East 1,162.57 feet along said North line; thence South 00° 00' 00" East 585.68 feet along the West line of the East 70 acres of said Northeast ¼; thence North 89° 57' 31" West 1,464.06 feet along the South line of the North 20 acres of the West 90 acres of said Northeast ¼; thence North 00° 08' 45" East 149.68 feet along the West line of said Northeast ¼; thence South 89° 57' 31" East 300.00 feet; thence North 00° 08' 45" East 436.00 feet to the point of beginning. Together with an easement for ingress, egress and utility purposes described as: Beginning at said North ¼ corner; thence South 89° 57' 31" East 300.00 feet; thence South 00° 08' 45" West 436.00 feet parallel with the West line of said Northeast ¼; thence North 89° 57' 31" West 33.00 feet; thence North 00° 08' 45" East 370.00 feet; thence North 89° 57' 31" West 267.00 feet; thence, North 00° 08' 45" East 66.00 feet along the West line of said Northeast ¼ to the point of beginning. Also specifically subject to a 20-foot easement for ingress and egress in favor of the State of Michigan as recorded in Liber 615, Page 875.

Seller: Philip Herich, Middleville, Michigan

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Option Expires: January 3, 2008

Property Taxes: The property taxes for 2006 were \$1,768.75.

Authority: Part 5 of Act 451, Public Acts of 1994, as amended

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources' (Department) November 26, 2007 Calendar and is eligible for approval on December 3, 2007.

Comments: The offered private parcel is located in northwestern Barry County, four miles east of Middleville and in association with 4,402 acres of State-owned land managed as the Middleville State Game Area.

The 16.67-acre vacant parcel exhibits a level to gently-rolling topography with approximately 850 feet of undeveloped frontage along Black Lake. Poorly-drained soils predominates the northern portion of the property but well-drained soils are found on a 1.5-acre building site in the southwest corner of the tract that overlooks the lake. Forest cover is primarily lowland hardwood. Access is provided by a 66-foot-wide easement from Crane Road, a county-maintained roadway. State-owned land adjoins this property along the entirety of its southern boundary.

Acquisition of this private in-holding will consolidate ownership, prevent further fractionalization and development, increase public recreational opportunities, and secure additional wildlife habitat in this heavily used area of the Middleville State Game Area.

The purchase will include mineral rights owned by the seller.

Recommendation: That this tract be approved for purchase with payment of \$60,000.00 to be made from funds appropriated for Turkey Habitat Acquisition, as contained in Act 153, Public Acts of 2006, and the remainder to be made from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF), Wildlife Area Consolidation Lump Sum as contained in Act 153, Public Acts of 2006, and/or from the Land Exchange Facilitation Fund.

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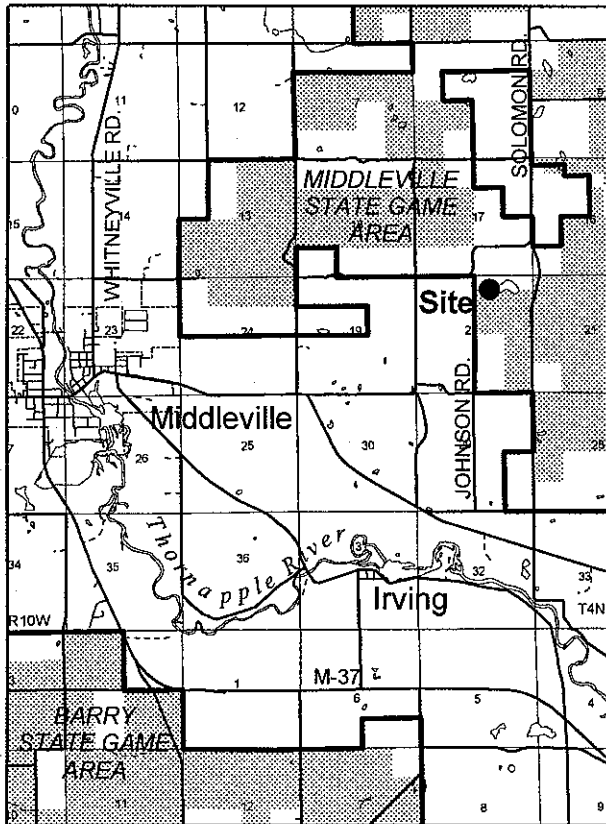
Dennis R. Fedewa
Chief Deputy

I approve the staff recommendation.

Rebecca A. Humphries
Director

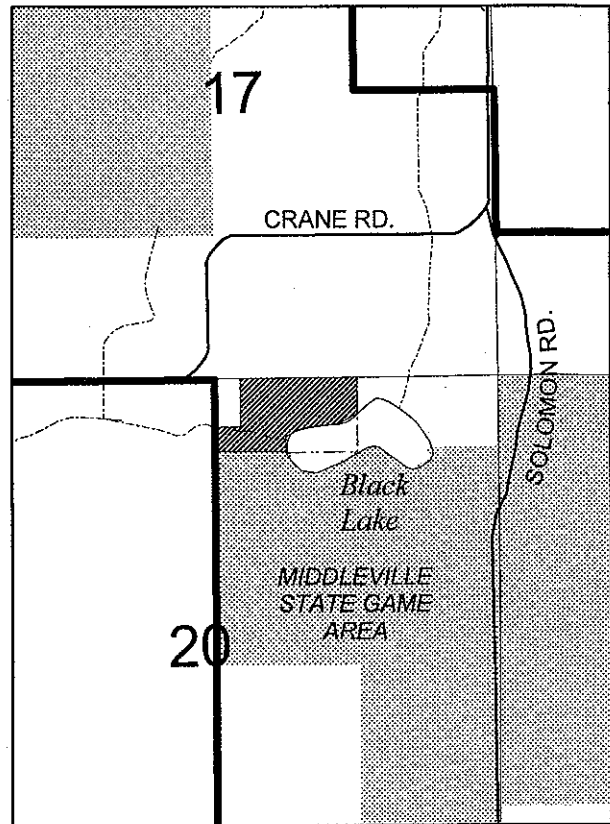
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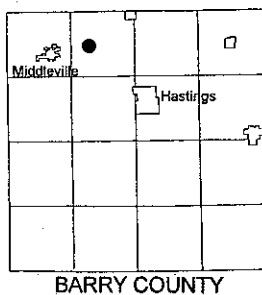
Regional Location

- State Game Area Boundary
- State Land
- Private Land



Section 20, T04N, R09W, Irving Township

- State Game Area Boundary
- Land Offered to DNR
(16.67 acres - \$120,000.00)
- State Land
- Private Land



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